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1. ON EVENING 3 JANUARY I HAD LONG CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL KENNEDY (WHO HAS ASSUMED SOME, THOUGH NOT ALL, OF HAIG'S RESPONSIBILITIES -- HAIG IS BEING SWORN IN TODAY, 4 JAN, AS VICE CHIEF OF STAFF). ON MATTER RAISED REF, SITUATION IS AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

2. APPARENTLY GIST OF MOST (OR ALL, THIS IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR) OF 4 NOVEMBER CHECKLIST SUGGESTIONS WAS RELAYED TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER IN SOME PRIVACY CHANNEL ON OR ABOUT 6 NOVEMBER. KISSINGER'S OFFICE HAD ASSUMED BULK OF THESE ACTIONS WERE ALREADY IN TRAIN, AS INDEED MANY OF THEM PROBABLY ARE -- SOME (IN FORM ADAPTED TO REALITIES OF LOCAL SITUATION) BY SPONTANEOUS MISSION AND/OR GVN INITIATIVE. BEYOND THIS POINT, MY GUIDANCE FROM KENNEDY WAS (TO BE

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TO CHARITABLE) OPAQUE. THIS, HOWEVER, IS SYMPTOMATIC ILLUS-  
 TRATION OF MORE GENERAL PROBLEM WE ARE SIMPLY GOING TO  
 HAVE TO LIVE WITH OVER WEEKS AHEAD. FOR REASONS YOU KNOW  
 AND UNDERSTAND AS WELL AS I, WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET VERY  
 PRECISE GUIDANCE FROM THAT OFFICE, ESPECIALLY ON POTENTIALLY  
 DELICATE TOPICS ON WHICH ITS OWN FEELINGS ARE PERFORCE  
 AMBIVALENT.

3. IN ESSENCE, KENNEDY (WHO INDICATED THAT HE HAD  
 TOUCHED BASE WITH KISSINGER) SUGGESTED THAT MISSION INITIATE  
 ANY ACTIONS YOU AND AMBASSADOR THOUGHT APPROPRIATE, CHECK-  
 ING FOR CLEARANCE ON ANY SPECIFIC MOVES THAT BUNKER FELT  
 NEEDED CLEARANCE, BUT IN ANY EVENT KEEPING WHITE HOUSE IN-  
 FORMED OF ACTIONS THAT HAD BEEN INITIATED. (SEE WHAT I MEAN  
 ABOUT OPAQUE.)

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, COURSE OF ACTION ALONG  
 LINES PROPOSED IN REF PARA 2 SEEMS MOST SENSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED.

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TO YOU WILL KNOW HOW BEST TO RAISE THESE ISSUES WITH BUNKER.

I CERTAINLY HAVE NO OBJECTION IF YOU WANT TO USE TEXT OF 4 NOVEMBER AS POINT OF DEPARTURE -- EXPLAINING THAT IT WAS COMPENDIUM OF SUGGESTIONS PREPARED PRIVATELY FOR KISSINGER AT LATTER'S EXPLICIT REQUEST, THAT HE HAS ENDORSED IT IN PRINCIPLE AND (WE UNDERSTAND) ALREADY RELAYED SOME OF IT VIA WHITE HOUSE CHANNELS, THAT WE REVIEWED THE LIST DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT AT WHICH TIME YOU ASKED FOR, AND HAVE NOW RECEIVED, A PERSONAL COPY.

5. AS WE DISCUSSED, ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE 4 NOVEMBER MEMO ARE SUGGESTIONS AND CERTAINLY NOT FLATS. WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO LEAVE TO YOUR (AND AMBASSADOR'S) FINAL JUDGMENT WHICH ONES ARE FEASIBLE AND/OR POTENTIALLY PROFITABLE IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT REAL WORLD IN SOUTH VIETNAM. BONNE CHANCE,

WARM REGARDS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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END OF MESSAGE

William E. Nelson, C/FE

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